

**A PUBLIC HUB EMPLOYING A TRUSTED AGENT
TO FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF COMMODITIES**

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A public hub and trusted agent cooperate to facilitate
the exchange of commodities. The trusted agent is
responsible for controlling various aspects of the exchange.
For instance, the trusted agent administers selected
critical aspects of the process, while not getting involved
in other non-critical activities. The trusted agent shields
10 other participants involved with the exchange from selected
information, thus protecting sensitive information, business
processes and relationships from those participants.